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POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for meetings, speaking engagements, fact-finding trips or similar events in connection with official duties. You need not disclose government-funded or political travel on this form, or travel that is unrelated to official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report all privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual Financial Disclosure Statement. In accordance with clause 5 of House Rule 25, complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, B-106 Cannon House Office Building, within **15 days** after travel is completed. The Clerk is to make these forms available to the public as soon as possible after they are received. *Obtain the dollar amounts from the sponsor; if exact dollar amounts are unavailable, provide a good faith estimate.*

Name of Member or Officer (print or type): Charles W. DentName of Accompanying Family Member (if any): Pamela DentRelationship to Member/Officer: ☒ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____Date of Departure and Date of Return: October 14th-October 21stDates at personal expense: n/aItinerary (cities of departure – destination – return): Washington, DC-Istanbul-New York, NY

Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): _____

Council of Turkic American Associations (CTAA)

Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): _____

see attachedAttached to this form are EACH of the following (*signify "yes" for each item by checking the corresponding box*):

1. ☒ the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form completed by trip sponsor, including all attachments;
2. ☒ the Privately-Sponsored Travel Approval Form completed by the Member or officer; *and*
3. ☒ the Committee on Ethics letter approving my participation on this trip.

I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the sponsor's agenda (*signify "yes" by checking box*): ☒

If not, explain: _____

TRIP EXPENSES:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses
For Member or Officer:	6656 Air/250 Ground	\$685.00	315.00
For accompanying family member:	6656 Air/250 Ground	\$685.00	315.00

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Specific Nature of Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For Member or Officer:	200.00	Museum Tickets, Parking
For accompanying family member:	200.00	Museum Tickets, Parking

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses listed above were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or Officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER OR OFFICER:



DATE:

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**U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Ethics**

**PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM
(provide directly to each House invitee)**

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers or employees under House Rule XXV, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee.

Private sponsors are urged to submit this form to each House invitee at least 30 days before travel is scheduled to begin. The failure to provide the Committee with adequate time to review the form and attachments may result in the invitee not receiving approval for the trip. The submission of an incomplete form will delay the review process. Before completing this form, sponsors are urged to carefully review the Committee's private travel guidelines and advisory memoranda detailing the rules and restrictions for private travel, as well as the instructions for completing this form. Sponsors should call the Committee with any questions prior to submitting the form. Please type form.

1. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): Council of Turkic American Associations (CTAA)
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a federally-registered lobbyist or a registered foreign agent (*signify "yes" by checking box*): ☒
3. I represent that the trip sponsor(s) has not accepted from any other source funds earmarked directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip (*signify "yes" by checking box*): ☒
4. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)? ☒ Yes ☐ No
5. Provide names and titles of ALL House invitees; for each invitee, provide explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary): PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED LIST
6. Dates of travel: OCTOBER 14TH - OCTOBER 21ST, 2011
7. Cities of departure – destination – return: WASHINGTON D.C. - ISTANBUL - NEW YORK
8. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities taking place during the travel (*i.e.*, an hourly description of planned activities) (*signify "yes" by checking box*): ☒
9. I represent that (*check one of the following*):
 - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: ☐ or
 - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyist or registered foreign agent: ☒ or
 - c. The trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations. ☐
10. If travel is for participation in a one-day event (*i.e.*, if you checked Question 9(c)), check one of the following:
 - a. One-night's lodging and meals are being offered: ☐ or
 - b. Two-nights' lodging and meals are being offered: ☐If "b" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: _____

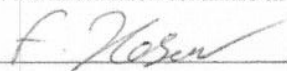
11. If the trip is not sponsored by an institution of higher education, I represent that a federally-registered lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (*signify "yes" by checking box*): ☒
12. Private sponsors must have a direct and immediate relationship to the purpose of the trip or location being visited. Describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip: To introduce and provide broad exploration
educational achievements of civil society, religious diversity, and minority rights.
13. Describe each sponsor's organizational interest in the purpose of the trip: _____
CTAA desires to promote understanding through dialogue and discussion among the Congressional Staff and
Turkish authorities
14. Describe the type and class of the transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first-class transportation will be provided. In addition, for travel via aircraft, please indicate if travel is being offered on a commercial flight, chartered flight or on an aircraft operated or paid for by a carrier not licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration to operate for compensation or hire (*i.e.*, a private aircraft). If first-class fare is being provided, or if travel is via chartered or private aircraft, please provide an explanation describing why such travel is warranted: AIR TRAVEL, COMMERCIAL, BUSINESS CLASS
15. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (*signify "yes" by checking box*): ☒
16. I represent that either (*check one of the following*):
- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: ☐ *or*
 - b. The trip involves events that are arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation: ☒
If "b" is checked, detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \$ 45 PER DAY
17. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: Turkey is a significant country for US in relations of political, commercial, and cultural interests of both countries in Middle East, Central Asia, and Europe
18. Name of hotel or other lodging facility: Wow Hotel Istanbul, Mövenpick Hotels, Uğur Plaza Hotel
19. Cost per night of hotel or other lodging facility (approximate cost may be provided): Wow Hotel Istanbul 100, Mövenpick Hotels 95, Uğur Plaza Hotel 95
20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility: Convenient and Reasonable

21. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates	Total <i>Transportation</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Lodging</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Meal</i> Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$6656 Air / \$250 Ground	\$685	\$315
For each accompanying family member	\$6656 Air / \$250 Ground	\$685	\$315

	<i>Other</i> Expenses (dollar amount)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$200	Museum Tickets, Parking
For each accompanying family member	\$200	Museum Tickets, Parking

22. I represent that reimbursement for miscellaneous travel expenses for the trip, such as travel to and from airports, security costs, interpreter fees, visa application fees, and similar expenses, will be for actual costs incurred and are necessary for the purpose of the trip (*signify "yes" by checking box*): ☒
23. I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 

Name and title: Furkan Kosar / President

Organization: Council of Turkic American Associations

Address: 535 5th Avenue 6th Floor Suite #601 New York, NY 10017

Telephone number: 212.867.7567

Fax number: 645.490.2212

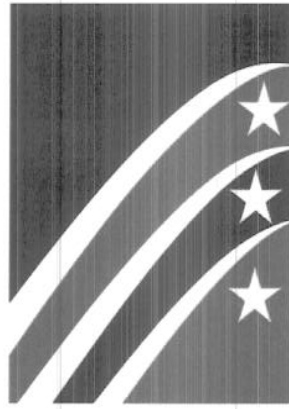
Email Address: fkosar@turkiccouncil.org

The Committee staff may contact the above individual above if additional information is required.

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:

Committee on Ethics
U.S. House of Representatives
1015 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-7103 (phone)
(202) 225-7392 (fax)

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Council of Turkic American Associations

Congressional Trip to Turkey

OCTOBER 14TH - OCTOBER 21ST, 2011

www.turkiccouncil.org

APPLIED ITINERARY FOR HOUSE

15-Oct. Sat.	Istanbul Ataturk Airport - 4:15pm
16:15	Arrive in Istanbul - TK 8
	Transfer to Hotel
	Check into the hotel & rest for ~ 2 hrs
	Dinner at Poseidon(Right by Bosphorus)
16-Oct. Sun.	Istanbul
8:00	Breakfast at hotel
9:00	Hagia Sophia
11:00	Topkapi Palace
12:30	Lunch at Sultanahmet koftecisi
13:30	Blue Mosque and Sultanahmet Square
16:00	Boat tour of the Bosphorus Strip
19:00	Dinner with a local family
17-Oct. Mon.	Istanbul / Ankara
9:00	Flight Kayseri
11:30	Melikşah University –Turkish Educational System
12:30	Private Kılıçaslan High School - Private Educational System
13:00	Lunch at Kayseri Businessmen Association

14:00	Boydak Holding - Turkey's Export System
15:00	Flight to Ankara
17:00	Meeting with President Abdullah Gül
19:30	Dinner
21:00	Check into the hotel in Ankara
18-Oct. Tues.	Izmir
	Breakfast at Hotel/Check out of Hotel
7:00	Flight to Izmir
8:00	Arrive in Izmir
9:00	Check in Hotel
10:30	Visit Governor of Izmir- Governor Mr. Cahit Kirac
13:00	Visit Sifa Hospital meet with Doctors- Turkish Health System
15:30	Visit Ephesus
	Visit Virgin Mary's House and Basilica of St. John
20:00	Dinner roundtable with IGID (Izmir Young Businessmen Association) in Kusadasi
19-Oct. Wed.	Ankara
	Breakfast at Hotel
7:00	Early flight to Ankara
8:00	Arrive in Ankara
	Check into the hotel & Rest for ~ 2hr
10:00	Volkan Bozkir / TBMM Dis Isleri Komisyon Baskani
11:00	Abdulkadir Aksu / Siyasi ve Hukuki Islerden Sorumlu Genel Baskan Yardimcisi
12:00	Hayati Yazici / Gumruk ve Ticaret Bakani
13:00	Saat 13:00 Mustafa Elitas / TBMM Grup Baskan Vekili
14:00	Huseyin Celik / Milli Egitim Bakani
17:00	Saat 17:00 Askin Asan / Aile ve Sosyal Politikalar Bakan Yardimcisi
19:30	Dinner with Yedirenk Women Association(Women in Turkey)
22:50	Flight to Gaziantep - Anadolu Jet
	Back to the Hotel
20-Oct. Thurs.	Gaziantep (Southeastern Turkey)
	Breakfast at Hotel & Checkout
12:30	Lunch with Mayor of Gaziantep Dr. Asim Guzelbey / How Local Government Works in Turkey
14:30	Visit Dunya TV- The <i>First Private Kurdish TV</i> Channel in Turkey
16:30	Visit Zeugma Mosaic Museum- World's largest mosaic museum
18:00	Visit Zirve Univesity - Dinner roundtable with Faculties- Turkey's evolving role in Middle East
20:50	Flight back to Istanbul
23:10	Transfer to Hotel
23:10	Check in Hotel
21-Oct. Fri.	Istanbul
	Flight back to US (Turkish Airlines TK7)

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PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Charles W. Dent
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): Council of Turkic American Associations (CTAA)
3. Travel destination(s): Turkey
4. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: October 14th--October 21st
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If yes, dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? ☒ Yes ☐ No
b. If yes, name of accompanying family member: Pamela Dent
c. Relationship to traveler: ☒ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(c) on the Trip Sponsor form (*i.e.*, the travel is being sponsored by an entity that employs a lobbyist)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
b. If yes, check one of the following: ☐ N/A – Sponsor checked 9(a) or 9(b)
(1) Approval for one-night's lodging and meals is being requested: ☐ or
(2) Approval for two-nights' lodging and meals is being requested: ☐
If "(2)" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: _____
7. Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments (*indicate that form is attached by checking box*): ☒
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to your individual official or representational duties:
I serve on the Appropriations Subcommittees on State Department and Foreign Operations and Homeland Security. Turkey is a strategic ally
and a country where we have many interests. It is important that I be well informed on relations between our two nations.

9. **FOR STAFF:**
TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Date: _____

Signature of Employing Member

NOTE: This page must be submitted with your post-travel disclosure form within 15 days of your return, so you should maintain a photocopy of the completed form for your records.

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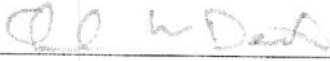
PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM
For Members, Officers, and Employees

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection. *Please type form. Form (and any attachments) may be faxed to the Committee at (202) 225-7392.*

YOUR COMPLETED REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE NO LESS THAN 14 DAYS BEFORE YOUR PROPOSED DEPARTURE DATE. Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 14 days before the trip commences.

Name of Traveler: Charles W. Dent

I certify that the information contained on both pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For staff, name of employing Member/Committee: _____

Office address: 1009 Longworth Building, Washington, DC 20515

Phone number: 202-225-6411

Email address of contact person: heather.smith@mail.house.gov

- ☐ Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet and the traveler is a Member traveling to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 14 days before the trip departure date.

NOTE: You must complete the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee:

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The Honorable Charles W. Dent
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Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your and your spouse's proposed trip to Turkey, scheduled for October 14 to 21, 2011, sponsored by the Council of Turkic American Associations.

You must complete a Member Travel Disclosure Form and file it with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are required to attach a copy of this letter and the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form, including attachments. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$350 from a single source on Schedule VII of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House Members may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act, gifts "of minimal value [currently \$350] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of \$350 received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

Jo Bonner
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